

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: M. MASUDA et al.  
Serial No.: (New Divisional application under 37 CFR §1.53[b] of U.S.  
Application Serial No. 10/194,224)  
Filed: December 24, 2003  
For: A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND A METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING THE SAME  
Group: 2818  
Examiner: T. NGUYEN

**CLAIM FOR FOREIGN PRIORITY**

**MS: PATENT APPLICATIONS**

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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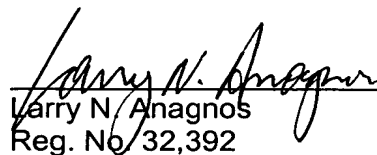
Sir:

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 CFR §1.55, applicants hereby claim  
the right of priority based on the following foreign application filed in Japan:

**Application No. 2000-022802, filed January 31, 2000.**

A certified copy of this foreign application was filed on January 26, 2001  
in U. S. Application Serial No. 09/769,359, filed on January 26, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**LETTER REGARDING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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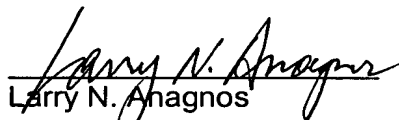
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It is noted that applicants are presently in the process of preparing a Preliminary Amendment for the Examiner to consider prior to acting on this divisional application filed under 37 CFR §1.53(b). Accordingly, if the Preliminary Amendment is not in the file of the application when the Examiner takes up this application for examination, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative in charge of this application at that time to determine the status of the Preliminary Amendment. Applicants and the undersigned representative express their appreciation to the Examiner for his (her) cooperation in this regard.

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